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# NON-PROVISIONAL UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

### **SPECIFICATION**

### TITLE OF INVENTION:

- Physically Aggressive Criminal Control and Restraint System, "The Giraffe"
- 2 The sole inventor is Stephen Dintino, 913 Greenwood Circle, Coatesville, PA.

## SPECIFICATION, DESCRIPTION AND DIMENSIONS:

- 3 The Physically Aggressive Criminal Control and Restraint System, "The
- 4 Giraffe", is a tool and system to be used by Police, Law Enforcement,
- 5 Corrections, Security, Medical and Public Safety personnel to safely control
- and restrain a physically aggressive criminal or emotionally or psychologically
- 7 unstable person, threatening to injure or kill himself, herself or other people.
- 8 "The Giraffe" is intended to be used by one or two Public Safety personnel
- 9 who will hold and direct the tool around the arms and legs of the physically
- aggressive person, which will safely influence the control and restraint of the
- physically aggressive person, and which will provide the distance necessary to
- protect the Public Safety personnel from the physically aggressive person.

- 13 "The Giraffe" is currently being used by the Tredyffrin Township Police
- 14 Special Operations Team, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
- "The Giraffe" is a reinforced one and a half (1.5) inch PVC plastic or one (1)
- inch tubular aluminum collapsible extension, folding, or attachable and
- detachable pole, with three (3) sets of handles and one (1) shoulder support at
- the users' end, and two (2) sets of control and restraint arms at the recipient's
- end, ninety-six (96) inches in length overall, sixteen (16) inches in height at the
- 20 users' end, thirty-six (36) inches in height at the control and restraint
- 21 arms recipient's end, and thirty-four (34) inches in width at the control and
- 22 restraint arms recipient's end. Elastic rubber bands (rubber bungee straps)
- 23 connect the control and restraint arms.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING:**

- 24 An illustration of "The Giraffe" is separately attached, which is identified as
- 25 "Figure 1", and which is listed with the descriptive parts. The illustration scale
- is: forty-four thousandths (.044) inch equals one (1) inch.
- 27 The illustration of "The Giraffe" is numbered and identified.
- The overall length of "The Giraffe" is 96 inches.
- 29 1 & 2: Two upper control and restraint arms, with detachable, folding or
- 30 expandable joints. The two arms are 25 inches long, and the two arms are

- 31 34 inches apart at the ends. A rubber elastic band (rubber bungee strap) is
- 32 hooked and stretched between the ends of the arms. The upper control and
- restraint arms are 36 inches apart from the lower control and restraint
- arms (8, 9 & 10), which are connected by the vertical connector (11).
- 35 3 & 4: One person user horizontal and vertical handles. The handles are
- <sup>36</sup> 7 inches long on each side of the pole. The one person user horizontal
- handle is 50 inches from the end of the upper control and restraint
- arms (1 & 2). The one person user vertical handle (3) is 12 inches from
- 39 the one person user horizontal handle (4).
- 40 5: Pole detachable, folding or expandable joint. The pole joint is 6 inches
- 41 from the one person user vertical handle (4).
- 42 6: Two person user horizontal handle. The handles are 7 inches long on each
- side of the pole. The two person user horizontal handle is 12 inches from the
- one person user vertical handle (4).
- 45 7: Two person user vertical shoulder support and handle. User's end.
- 46 The two person user vertical shoulder support and handle is 16 inches long,
- and is 12 inches from the two person user horizontal handle.
- 8, 9 & 10: Three lower control and restraint arms, with detachable, folding or

- 49 expandable joints. The two outer arms are 25 inches long, and the two
- outer arms are 34 inches apart at the ends. The center arm is 22 inches
- long, and is 16.25 inches from each outer arm. A rubber elastic band
- 52 (bungee strap) is hooked and stretched between the ends the arms.
- 53 11: Vertical connector for the upper and lower control and restraint arms.
- The vertical connector is 34 inches long, and connects the upper and lower
- 55 control and restraint arms.
- 56 12: Diagonal support for the vertical connector (11) and the pole. The
- 57 diagonal support is 42 inches long, and connects the vertical support and the
- 58 pole.
- 59 13: Diagonal support detachable, folding or expandable joint.

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

60 Not applicable

# STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT:

61 Not applicable

# REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING, A TABLE, OR A COMPUTER PROGRAM LISTING COMPACT DISK APPENDIX:

62 Not applicable

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

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- 64 Giraffe", is a tool and system to be used by Police, Law Enforcement,
- 65 Corrections, Security, Medical and Public Safety personnel to safely control
- and restrain a physically aggressive criminal or emotionally or psychologically
- unstable person, threatening to injure or kill himself, herself or other people.
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- who will hold and direct the tool around the arms and legs of the physically
- <sub>70</sub> aggressive person, which will safely influence the control and restraint of the
- 71 physically aggressive person, and which will provide the distance necessary to
- 72 protect the Public Safety personnel from the physically aggressive person.
- <sup>73</sup> "The Giraffe" is currently being used by the Tredyffrin Township Police
- 74 Special Operations Team, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

- 75 In certain specific situations and incidents, "The Giraffe" can be used to
- <sup>76</sup> safely control and restrain a physically aggressive person by controlling the
- <sup>77</sup> subject's arms and legs with the Giraffe's rubber banded arms. The physically

- aggressive person can be restrained against a wall, or in the absence of a wall,
- 79 the subject can be restrained by turning and rotating "The Giraffe" to place the
- subject on the floor or ground.
- 81 "The Giraffe' is intended to be used by trained personnel and in conjunction
- and in coordination with the use of distractions and less lethal force, and an
- 83 element of subject control and restraint handlers. A comprehensive "Less
- 84 Lethal Tactical Intervention Tactic" training and instruction course is
- 85 provided and coordinated with the use of "The Giraffe".

## **SEQUENCE LISTING:**

86 Not applicable

# NON-PROVISIONAL UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION SMALL ENTITY FEE:

- 87 I, Stephen Dintino, sole inventor and applicant, declare and affirm that I am a
- "small entity", and I respectfully petition the United States Patent and
- 89 Trademark Office to approve the patent of my invention, the Physically
- 90 Aggressive Criminal Control and Restraint System, "The Giraffe".
- I submit the applicable fee of \$385 for the processing of this patent
- 92 application.